Title: Need to approve the amendments made by Bihar Government to Baudha Gaya Temple Act, 1949-Laid.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): Sir, as you are aware Bouddha-Gaya Temple is one of the most important monuments of ancient India. This is the site of Buddha's enlightenment. Buddhist pilgrims and devotees all over the world visit this holy Mahabodhi Mahavihar.

It is but natural that the management of Mahabodhi Mahavihar be entrusted and monitored by Buddhist monks. Mahavihar Committee of Buddhist traditions constituted by the Government has not served the purpose.

The Government of Bihar has, therefore, amended the Bouddha-Gaya Temple Act, 1949 (Bihar Act XVIII of 1949) and submitted for approval of the Union Government. Shri Bhadanta Arya Nagarjun Surej Sasai has sought immediate intervention of Union Government to approve the amended Bouddha-Gaya Temple Act, 1949 and entrust the management of the temple to Buddhist monks.